Mar. 30, 1803

Respected Friend,

I am sorry to inform you that my leg has got worse & painful necessity prevents me from going out of my House to meet the Vestry this Evening - I am constrained to request of you to inform Vestry of the state of the Lot of Ground left by Joseph Dobbins to Christ Church Hospital as also of a Communication made thereby Mr. David Knight respecting St. James Church he says Mr. Wheeler wants two trap Doors in the Ceiling which will have an outward appearance & as there is a Communication from the Steeple over the Ceiling he cannot see the necessity of it - And in case Vestry conclude to have the said trap Doors the Carpenters should be informed of it immediately, as the plasterer is now putting on the second Coat of plastering, As respects the former Dobbins Lot It is necessary to Observe that Dobbins never owned but 366 feet from Pine Street & Bounded on the North by Vacant Ground, this Ground Belonged to the Proprietor & since to the Commonwealth who Granted it among other Lots to the Inspectors of the Prison for Eleemosynary purposes - there was Originally 102 feet from the North End of Dobbins Lot to Spruce Street but by subsequent Regulations Spruce St inclines 5 feet further to the Northward Consequently they have 107 feet by 396 feet on Spruce Street the Inspectors of the Prison have passed a Resolution authorizing the Appointments of two disinterested persons for Conjunction with two other persons of the same Description which may be appointed by Vestry to View & Value the same & to Report on

which the Sum they Conclude the lot is worth & which Sum they the Board of Inspectors will accept in full Compensation for the said Lot & will give good & sufficient Deed & Title for the same — It will be Expedient to expedite this measure otherwise the lot will be divided into small parcels & put up at Publ: Sale as soon as possible —

Your friend

Peter Browne

Mr Thos. Cumpston

Philad: 30 Mar 1803

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Sir

I request you will have the goodness to give your order for the Sexton of St Peters Church to open a grave for Miss H.B Hurst who died this morning

Yours respectfully

Wm Hurst

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